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**SONIC THE  
HEDGEHOG**  
SUPER-FAST HERO



**AMY & TAILS**  
SONIC'S TOUGH  
TAG TEAM



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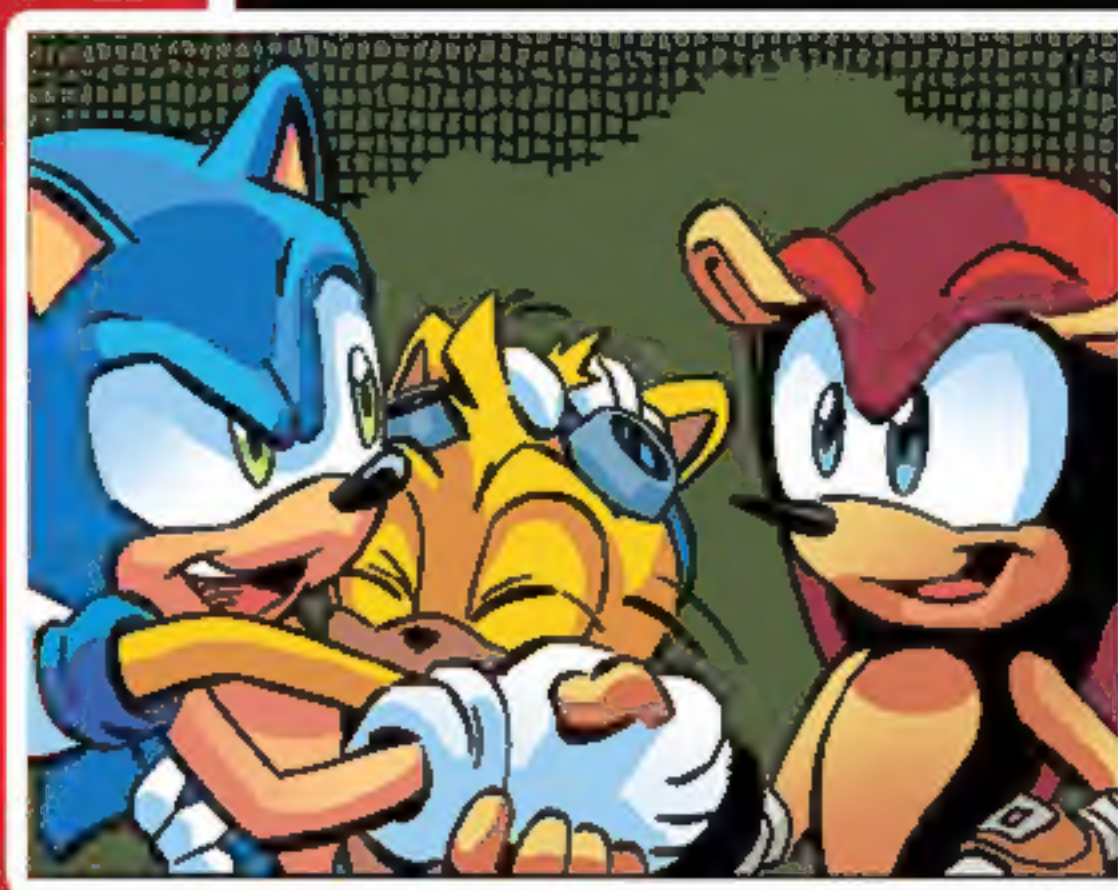
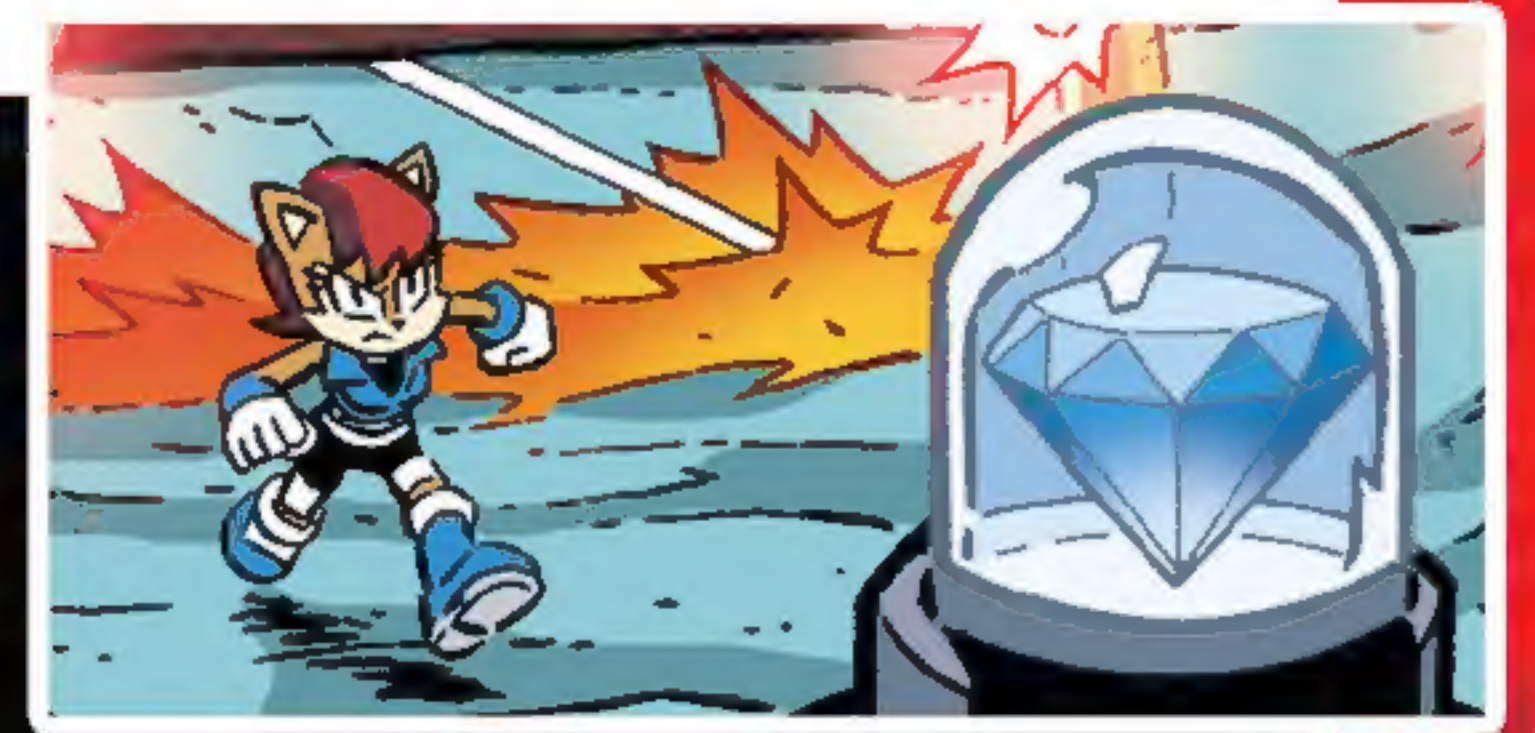
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ZONE, SOUTH  
ISLAND. SOME  
TIME AGO...

COCONUTS  
SUPER SPECIAL  
SONIC SEARCH &  
SMASH SQUAD

OOH-OOH-  
HA-HA-HA! ONCE  
YOU'RE GONE,  
SONIC, DOCTOR  
ROBOTNIK'S GONNA  
GIVE ME A BIG  
PRRRROMO-  
TION!

GOTTA TIME THIS  
JUST RIGHT...

SONIC  
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ALIVE

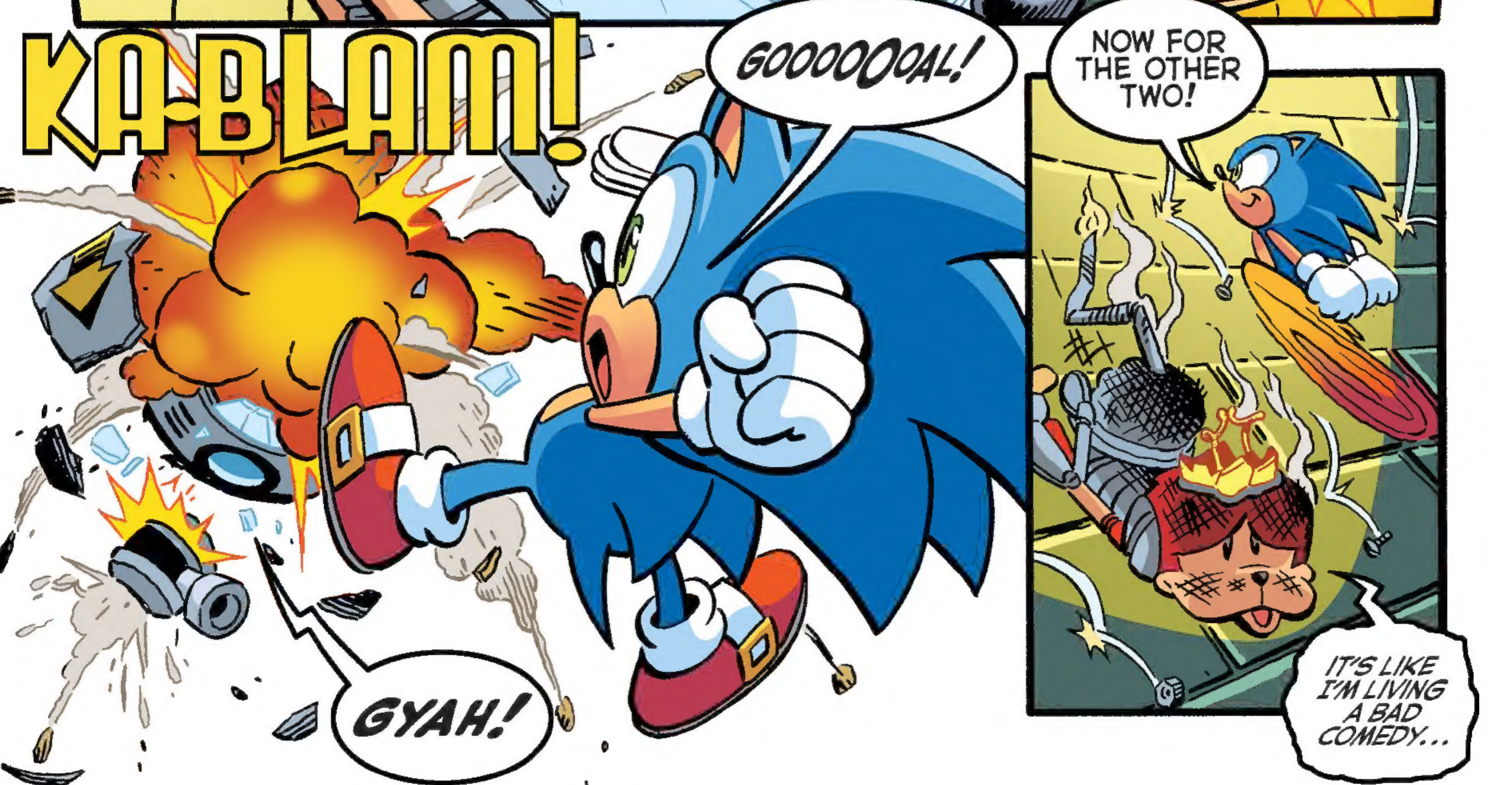
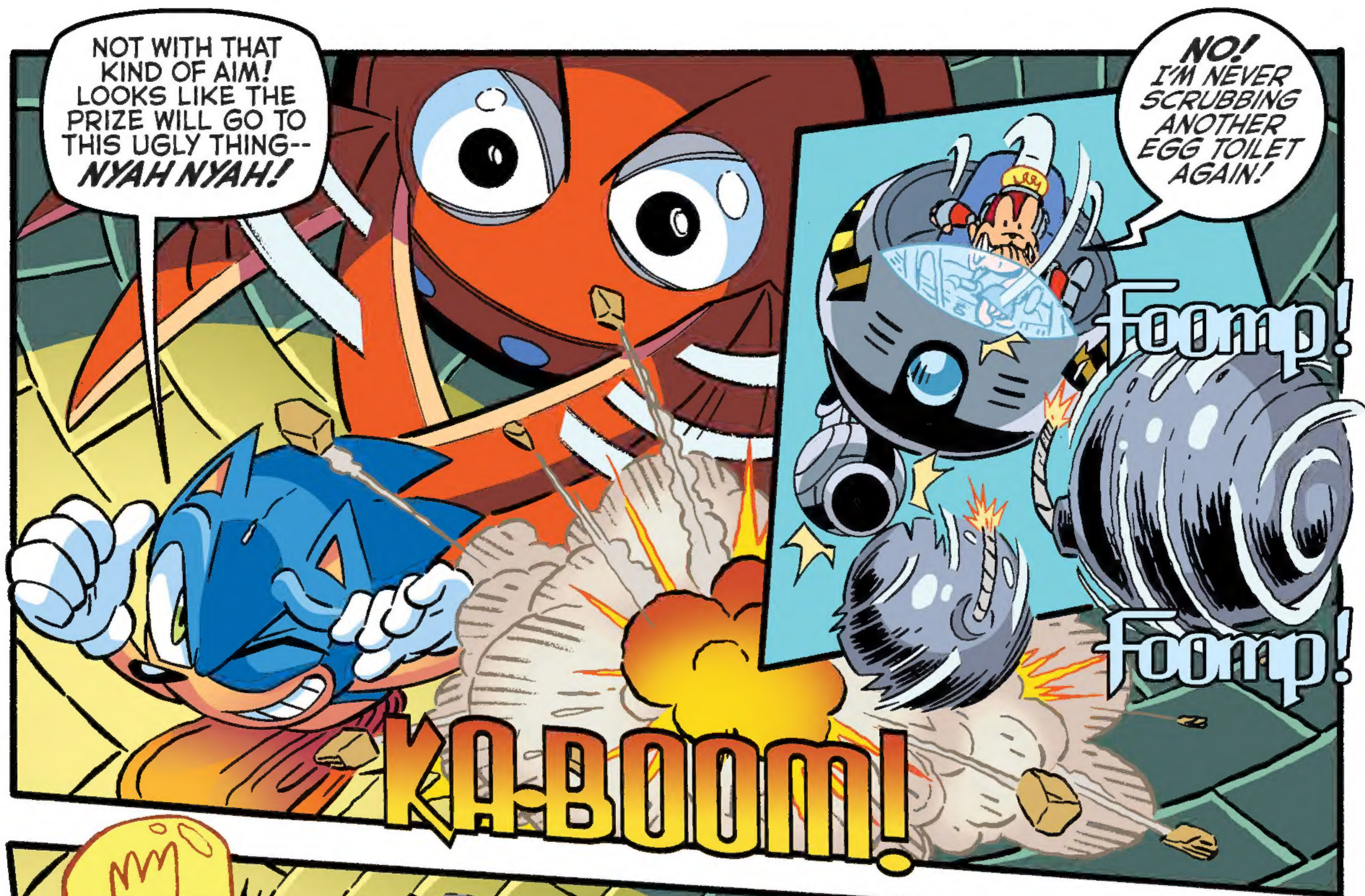
EGG ANTLION  
FIRST GENERATION  
SUPER-BADNIK

# CHAMPIONS

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OOH! OOH!  
HE'S COMING!  
PLACES EVERY-  
BODY!

SCRATCH  
S6 SQUAD

BWA-HA-  
HA-HA-HA!  
I KNEW COCO-  
NUTS WOULD  
BLOW IT!

ALL RIGHT,  
THIS IS IT.  
DON'T MESS  
THIS UP--  
OR *ELSE!*

GRUNDER  
SUPER SPECIAL...  
Y'KNOW WHAT?  
"S6 SQUAD"

I KNOW!  
I KNOW! JUST  
GOTTA KEEP IT  
TOGETHER...

HOLD IT,  
HEDGEHOG!  
ONE MORE STEP,  
AND WE'LL--!

BOP!

CLANG!

PLEASE!  
YOU'RE  
TOO SLOW  
TO EVEN  
FINISH  
YOUR  
THREATS,  
NEVER  
MIND MAKE  
GOOD ON  
'EM.

YOU  
OKAY,  
MISS?

I AM NOW,  
THANKS TO  
YOU!

EH, ALL  
RIGHT.  
HANG ON  
TIGHT!

COOL.  
I GOTTA GO  
SAVE MY BEST  
BUD FROM A FAT  
MANIAC, SO--  
SEE YA!

NO! WHAT IF  
THESE *TERRIFYING*  
BADNIKS COME  
AFTER ME AGAIN?  
TAKE ME WITH YOU?  
*PLEASE?*

BREEZIE  
DAMSEL IN  
DISTRESS...?



SKY PATROL--TODAY.

...AND THAT'S HOW I KNOW THE "LOVELY" MADAM BREEZIE.

GRR...IT *STILL* MAKES ME MAD! SHE WAS WORKING WITH EGGMAN FROM THE BEGINNING!

RELAX-- THIS WAS *LONG* AGO. BESIDES, I HAVEN'T TOLD *EVERYONE* ALL OF MY ADVENTURES...

...ESPECIALLY NOT ONES THAT GO:

AMY ROSE  
THE JEALOUS TYPE

AND WHY ARE WE JUST HEARING ABOUT HER *NOW*?

TAILS  
SONIC'S BEST FRIEND

"HEY, GUYS! WANNA HEAR ABOUT THE TIME I GOT PLAYED FOR A CHUMP?! DERP!"

I AM THINKING I WOULD ENJOY ZOSE STORIES.

SHUSH! BE NICE.

ANTOINE  
SWORDSMAN

BUNNIE  
CYBORG

ROTOR  
BATTLE-MECHANIC

ANOTHER TIME, PERHAPS.

NICOLE  
LIVING A.I.

SALLY  
TEAM LEADER

TIMED  
WOMAN OF THE YEAR

COMING SOON TO  
CASINO PARK ARENA  
THE CHAOS EMERALD  
CHAMPIONSHIP  
ALL CONTENDERS WELCOME

BREEZIE'S COME A LONG WAY FROM BEING A DOUBLE-AGENT. SHE RUNS THE LARGEST ENTERTAINMENT NETWORK IN THE WORLD.

HER NEXT PUBLICITY STUNT IS A FIGHTING TOURNAMENT-- WITH A *CHAOS EMERALD* AS THE PRIZE.





SONIC, TAILS AND AMY WILL BE **TEAM FIGHTERS**. I GOT YOU SPOTS ON THE ROSTER.

COOL!

YOU CAN COUNT ON US!

SAL...AH KNOW WE GOT WHUPPED EARLIER\* BUT WE'D LIKE ANOTHER SHOT AT A CHAOS EMERALD, TOO.

\*LAST ISSUE.

I TRIED TO GET US *ALL* ON THE ROSTER. BUT THE CUT-OFF FOR REGISTRATION ALREADY PASSED, AND BREEZIE WOULD ONLY CONCEDE TO SONIC, AMY AND TAILS SPECIFICALLY.

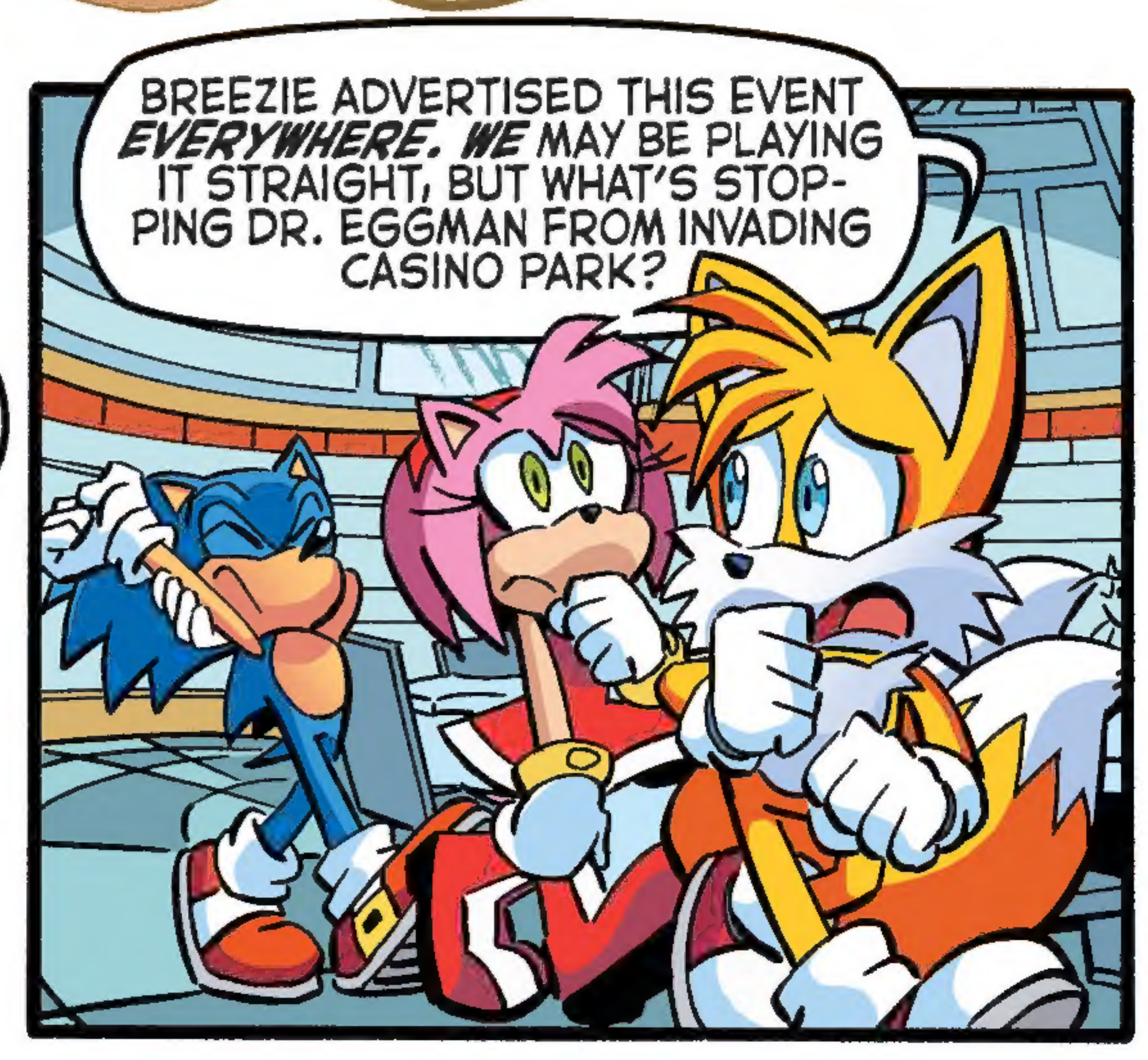
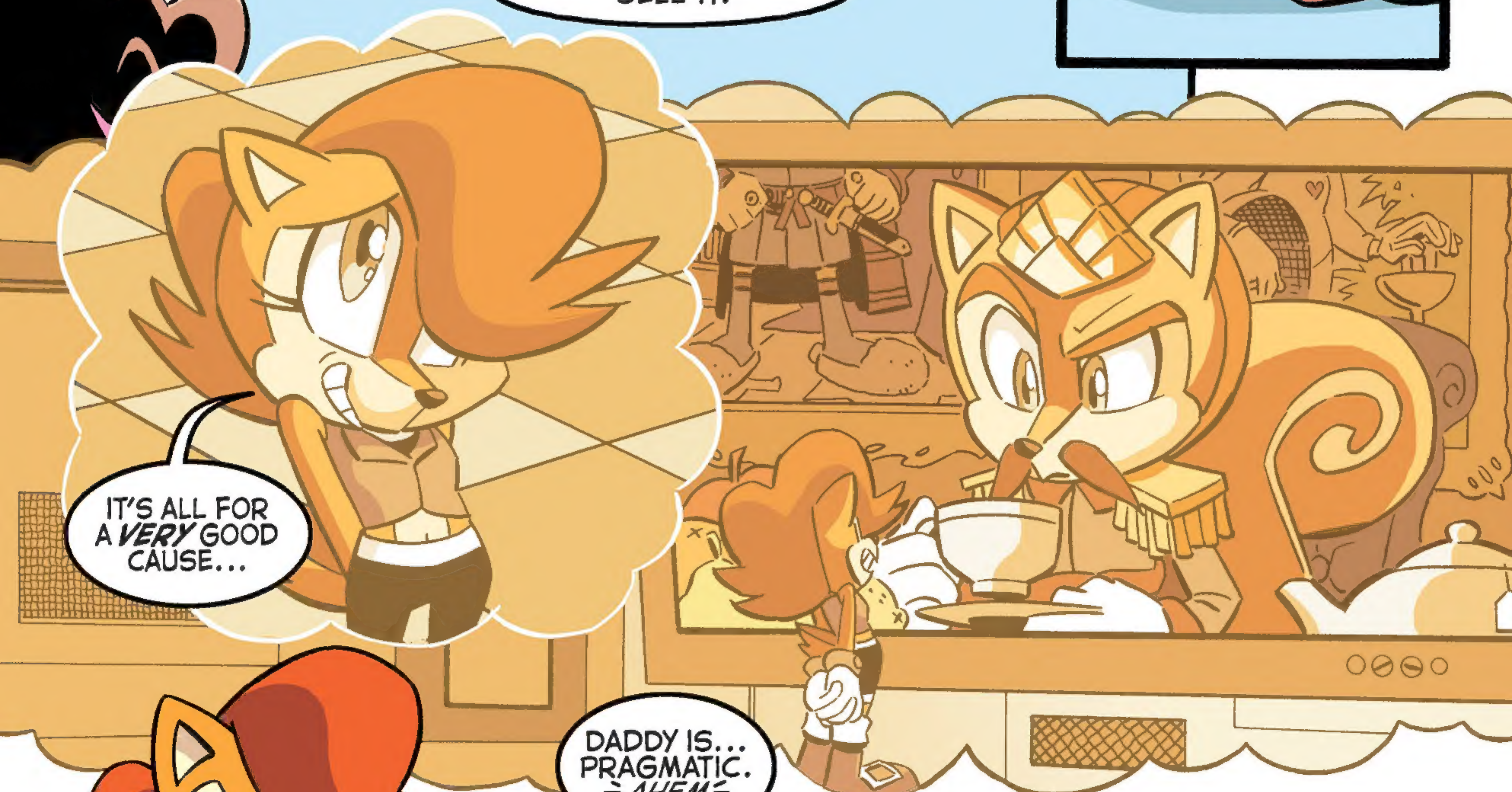
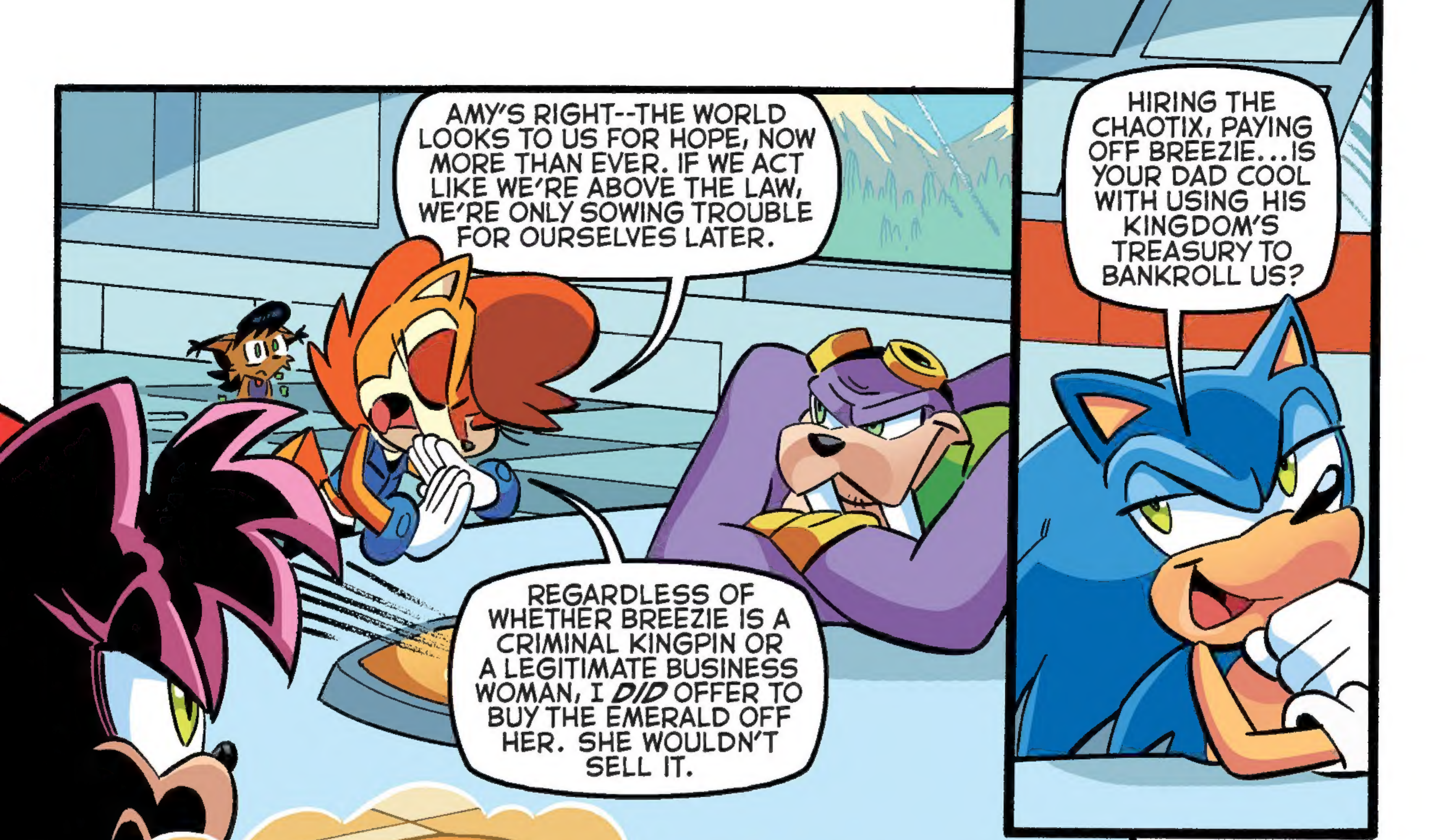
ISN'T BREEZIE CONNECTED TO A *LOT* OF SHADY STUFF? WE'RE TRYING TO SAVE THE *WORLD*! WHY DON'T WE JUST *TAKE* THE *EMERALD*?

I *DO* ENJOY THE DIRECT ROUTE...

BECAUSE WE DON'T DO THAT! SHE'S NOT LIKE EGGMAN--IT'D LOOK LIKE WE'D BE STEALING FROM HER!

AGAIN--*SAVING* THE *WORLD*!







**BREEZIE!**

**I'LL INVADE EVERY ONE OF YOUR PRECIOUS CASINOS! I'LL CARPET BOMB EVERY PROPERTY YOU OWN! I'LL LAUNCH A MISSILE AT EVERY MEDIA SATELLITE YOU HAVE!**

**NO--TEN MISSILES!!!**

**DR. IVO "EGGMAN" ROBOTNIK NOT A "PEOPLE PERSON"**

EGGMAN FOR YOU ON LINE ONE. ALSO, SCRATCH SAYS HE NEEDS YOU TO LOOK AT SOMETHING.

**CASINO PARK ZONE, EMPIRE CITY...**

**≥SIGH≤ THANK YOU, COCONUTS. BRING THE LIMO AROUND.**

HELLO? DON'T YOU **DARE** IGNORE ME!

HELLO, DOCTOR. YOU WERE SAYING--?

**I WAS THREATENING! YOU WILL GIVE ME THE EMERALD, OR I'LL--!**

**YOU'LL DO JACK SQUAT. YOUR FORCES ARE SPREAD THIN CONTAINING THE GLOBAL CRISIS, AND ANYTHING YOU *COULD* SCRAPE TOGETHER WOULDN'T MAKE IT PAST *MY* DEFENSES.**

AND BESIDES, YOU'RE **LIKE** ME! YOU **LOVE** YOUR CREATIONS! YOU **HATE** TO SEE ROBOT-ON-ROBOT VIOLENCE.

**YOU WANT TO TALK ROBOTS? GIVE ME THE EMERALD, OR I WON'T OFFLOAD ANY MORE OF MY OLD BADNIK STOCK ON YOU!**

**I *RESCUE* THOSE POOR ROBOTS. YOU'D LOSE OUT ON ONE OF YOUR MOST LUCRATIVE EXPORTS.**



GRRR...FINE!  
I'LL BE GENEROUS.  
HOW MUCH DO YOU  
WANT FOR IT?

HA HA HA!  
YOU DON'T HAVE  
ENOUGH!

WHAT?!

PANEM  
ET CIRCENSES,  
DOCTOR.

THE WORLD IS IN RUINS, AND  
ITS PEOPLE ARE MISERABLE.  
I WILL GIVE THEM A SHOW LIKE  
NO OTHER, AND THEY WILL PAY  
OUT THE NOSE FOR THE  
DISTRACTION.

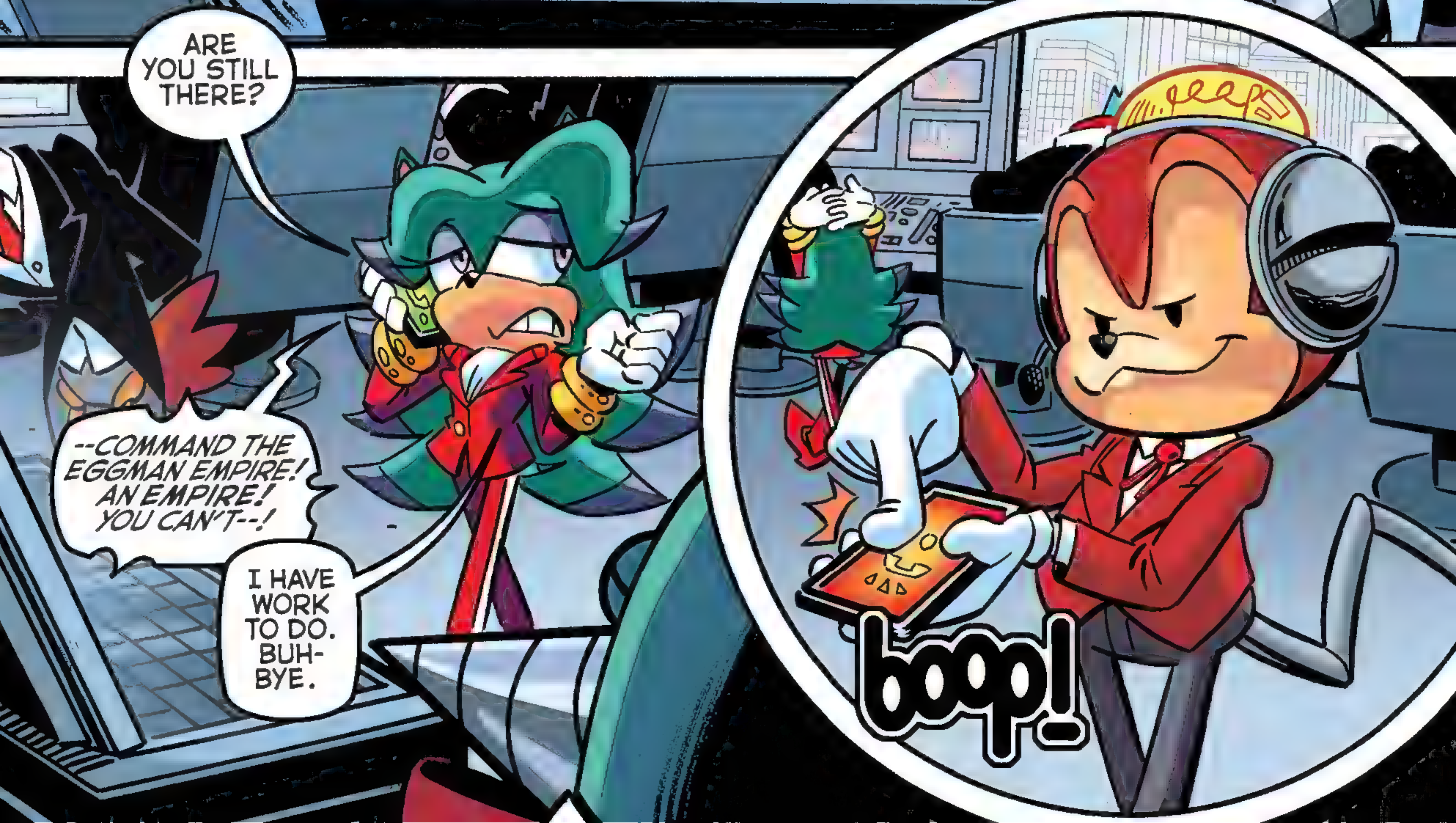
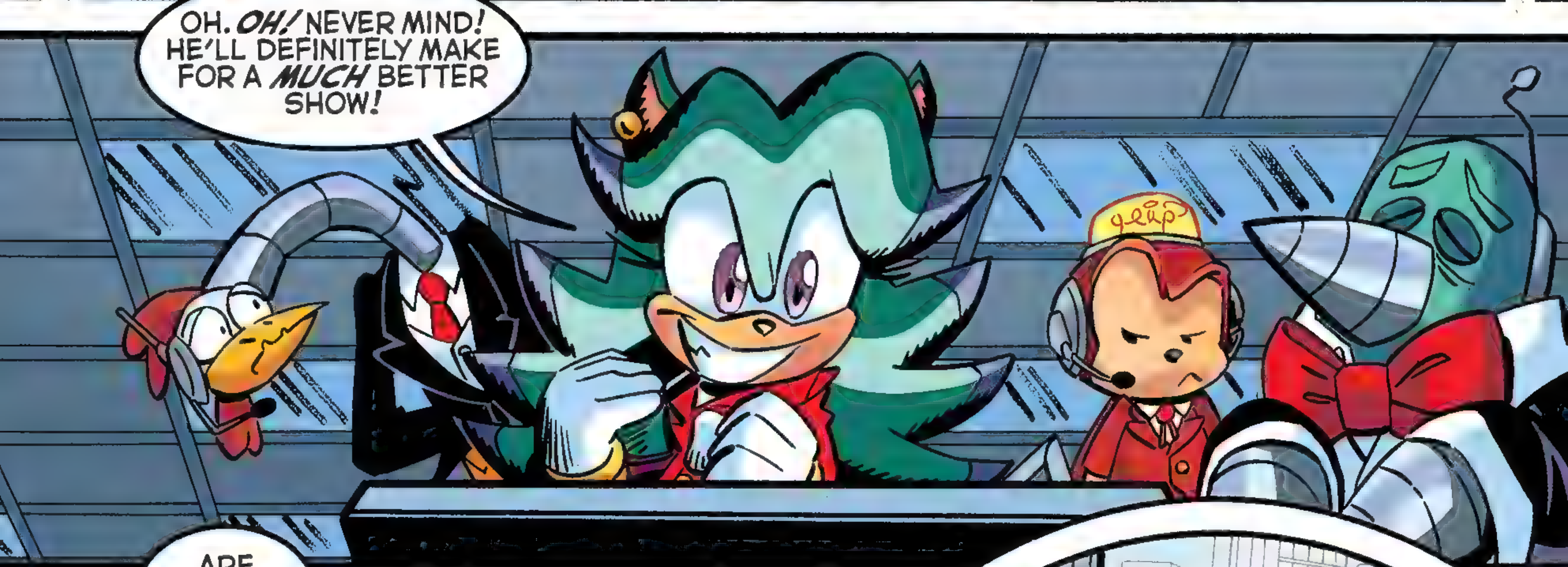
YOU CAN'T HARM ME, THREATEN  
ME OR BUY ME. I LEARNED A  
LOT FROM YOU, IVO, BUT I'VE  
LONG SINCE GRADUATED FROM  
YOUR SCHOOL OF HARD KNOCKS.

YOU CAN'T  
TALK TO ME THAT  
WAY, YOU--!

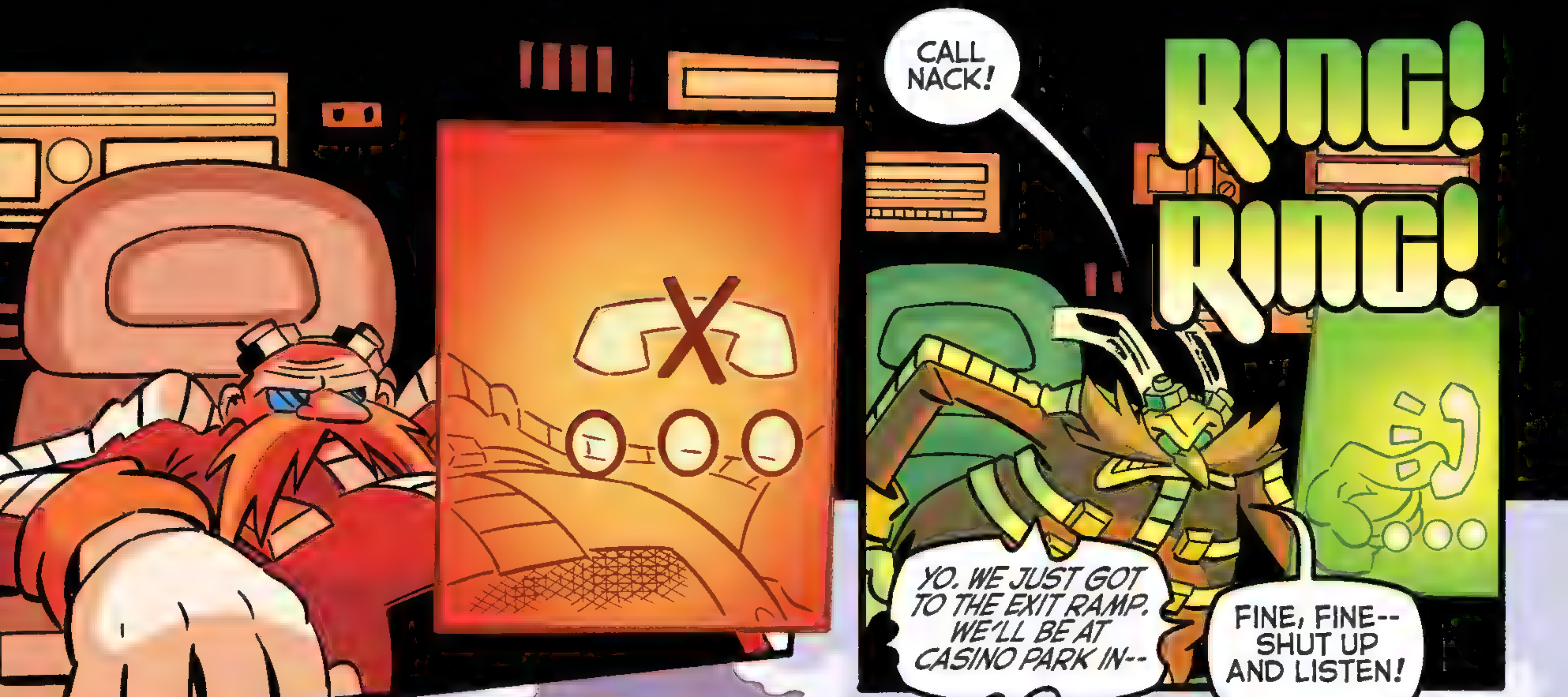
SOMETHING  
NEEDED MY  
ATTENTION?

YES,  
MA'AM!









CALL NACK!

RING!  
RING!

YO. WE JUST GOT TO THE EXIT RAMP. WE'LL BE AT CASINO PARK IN--

FINE, FINE-- SHUT UP AND LISTEN!

BINGO HIGHWAY...

BREEZIE EXPECTS ME TO PLAY BY HER RULES, BUT SHE'S FORGOTTEN I RUN THE SHOW! IF YOU BUNGLE THE TOURNAMENT, I WANT YOU TO DISABLE CASINO PARK'S DEFENSES!

THE HOOLIGANS  
NACK, BEAN & BARK  
(MERCENARIES FOR HIRE)

THANKS FOR THE CONFIDENCE, BUT, OKAY, WE CAN DO THAT.

BUT GRABBING THE CHAOS EMERALDS FOR YOU IS THE FREE GIG. SABOTAGE IS ANOTHER JOB WITH ANOTHER INVOICE.

WHY, YOU MONEY-GRUBBING... SO BE IT! BUT DO NOT FAIL ME AGAIN!

I HATE DEALING WITH PEOPLE. GIVE ME A GOOD ROBOT ANY DAY...

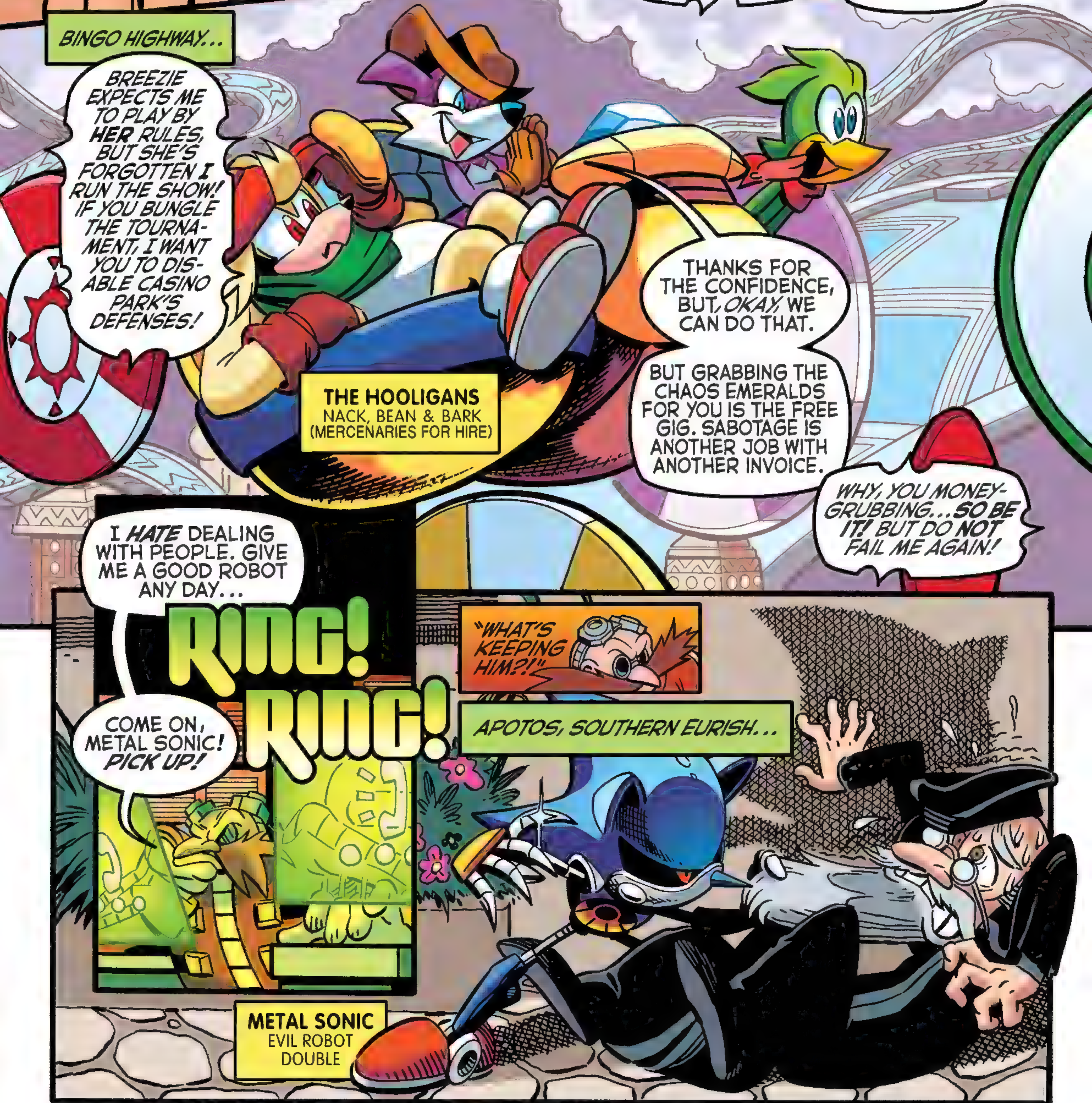
RING!  
RING!

COME ON, METAL SONIC! PICK UP!

"WHAT'S KEEPING HIM?!"

APOTOS, SOUTHERN EURISH...

METAL SONIC  
EVIL ROBOT  
DOUBLE





**RING!  
RING!**

P-PLEASE!  
I-I D-DON'T  
KNOW WHAT YOU  
W-WANT! I'M J-  
JUST AN OLD MAN!  
I-I-I DON'T--!

D-DO  
YOU NEED  
TO GET  
THAT?

**RING!  
RING!**

I HAVE FOUND  
A TARGET OF  
INTEREST CON-  
CERNING THE  
GAIA TEMPLES.  
I AM...

NEVER MIND THAT!  
I'M SENDING YOU  
COORDINATES.  
GET OVER THERE  
--ON THE DOUBLE!

THIS IS A  
PROBLEM  
...I MUST  
BREAK  
TRADITION  
AND WARN  
THE  
OTHERS.

**BOOSH!**





THERE THEY ARE! THE STARS OF THE SHOW!

NOT *ONE* SCRATCH! I *JUST* BUILT IT!

IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME, BREEZIE. SEEMS LIKE YOU'RE DOING WELL FOR YOURSELF.

YOU AS WELL, MISTER WORLD-WIDE HERO.

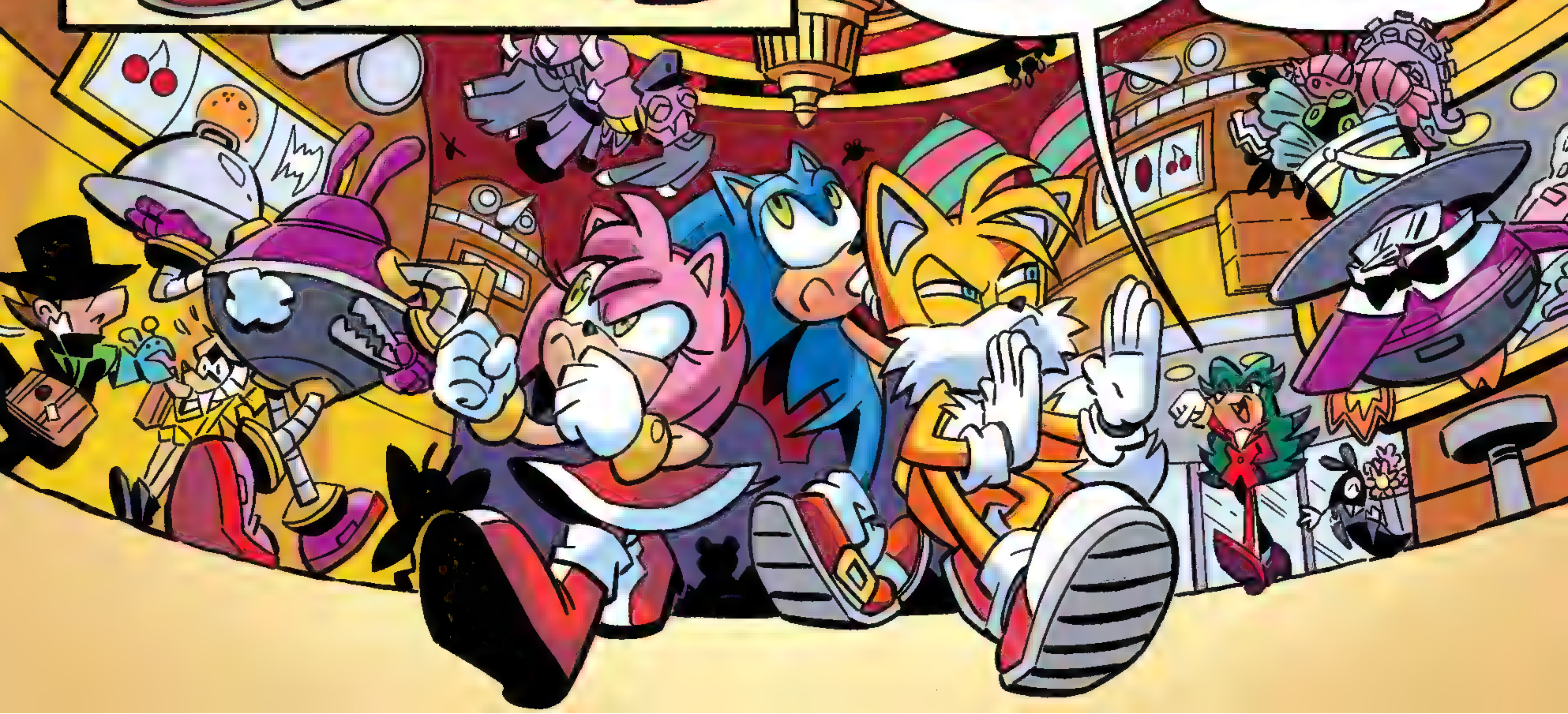
UM... DIDN'T SHE TRY TO GET YOU AND TAILS KILLED?!

YEAH, BUT SHE'S A CLASSY LADY. FIGHT FIRE WITH FIRE, RIGHT?

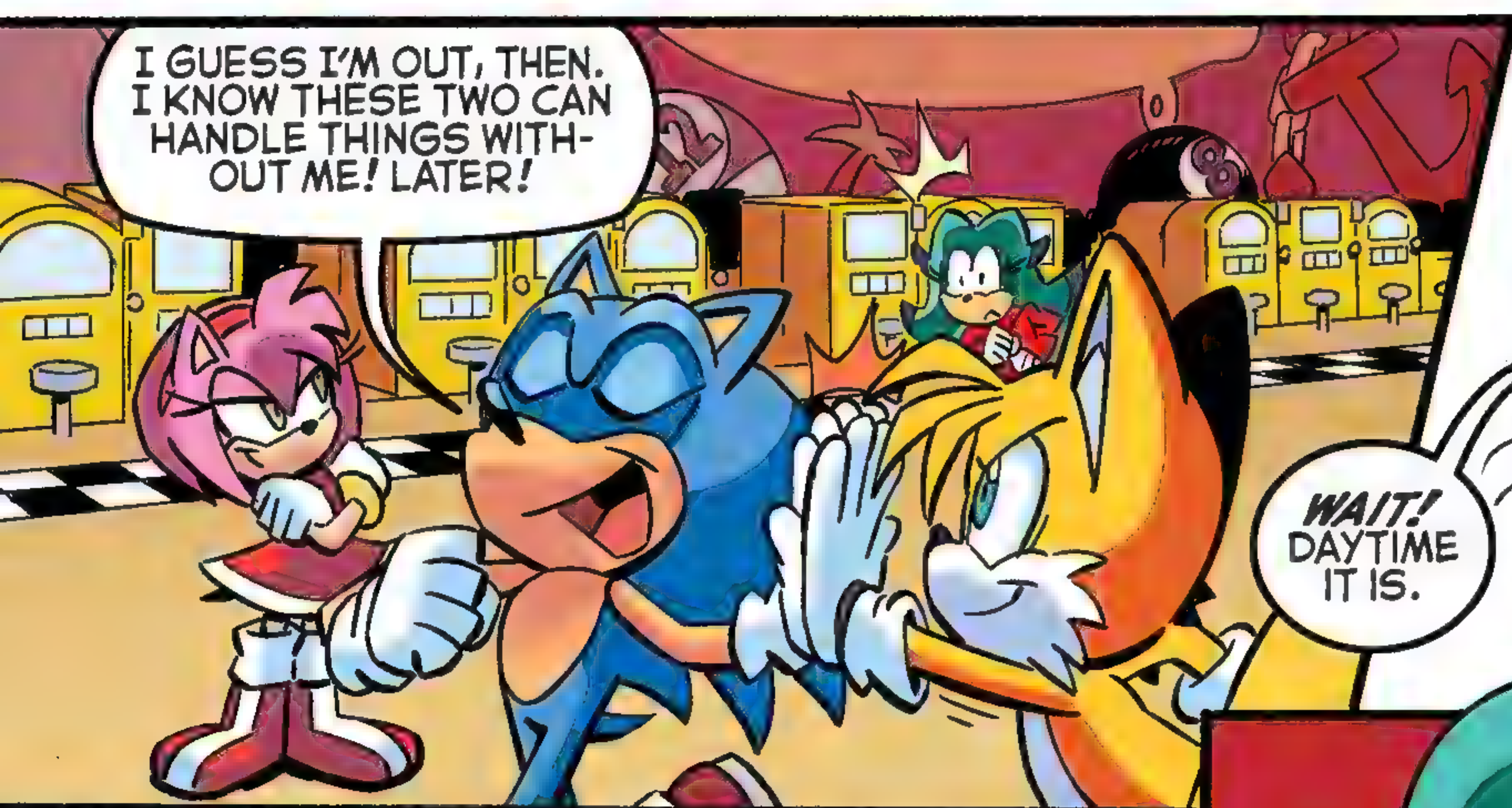
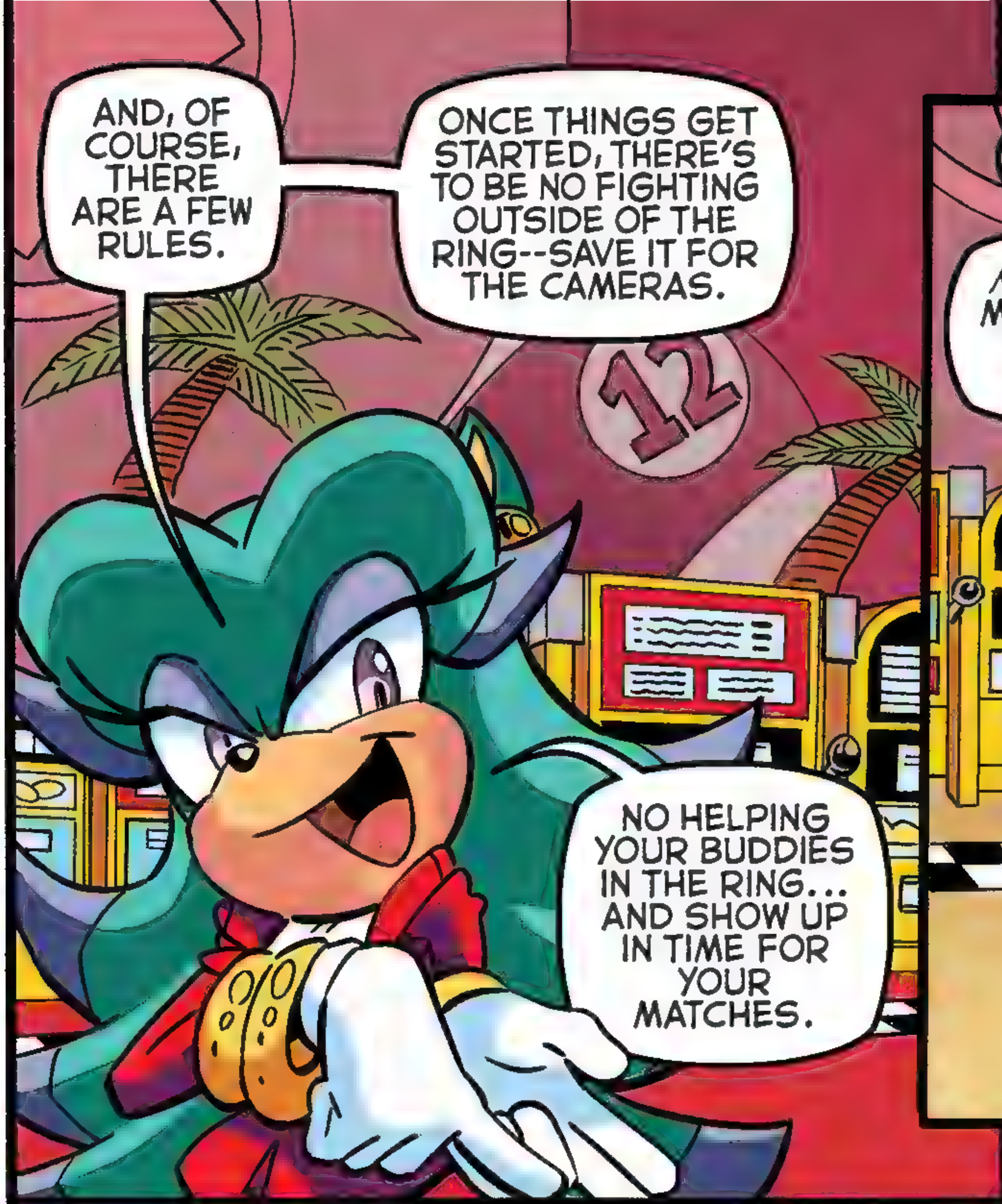
"FIGHT"? YOU'VE DONE NOTHING BUT HELP! PAID PROGRAMMING ORDERS HAVE *TRIPLED* SINCE IT WAS ANNOUNCED YOU THREE WILL BE CONTENDING!

YOU HAVE FULL ACCESS TO ALL FACILITIES, UNLIMITED TRIPS TO THE BUFFET AND SO ON.

THERE'S A STACK OF CHIPS WAITING FOR EACH OF YOU AT THE COUNTER-- ON THE HOUSE!











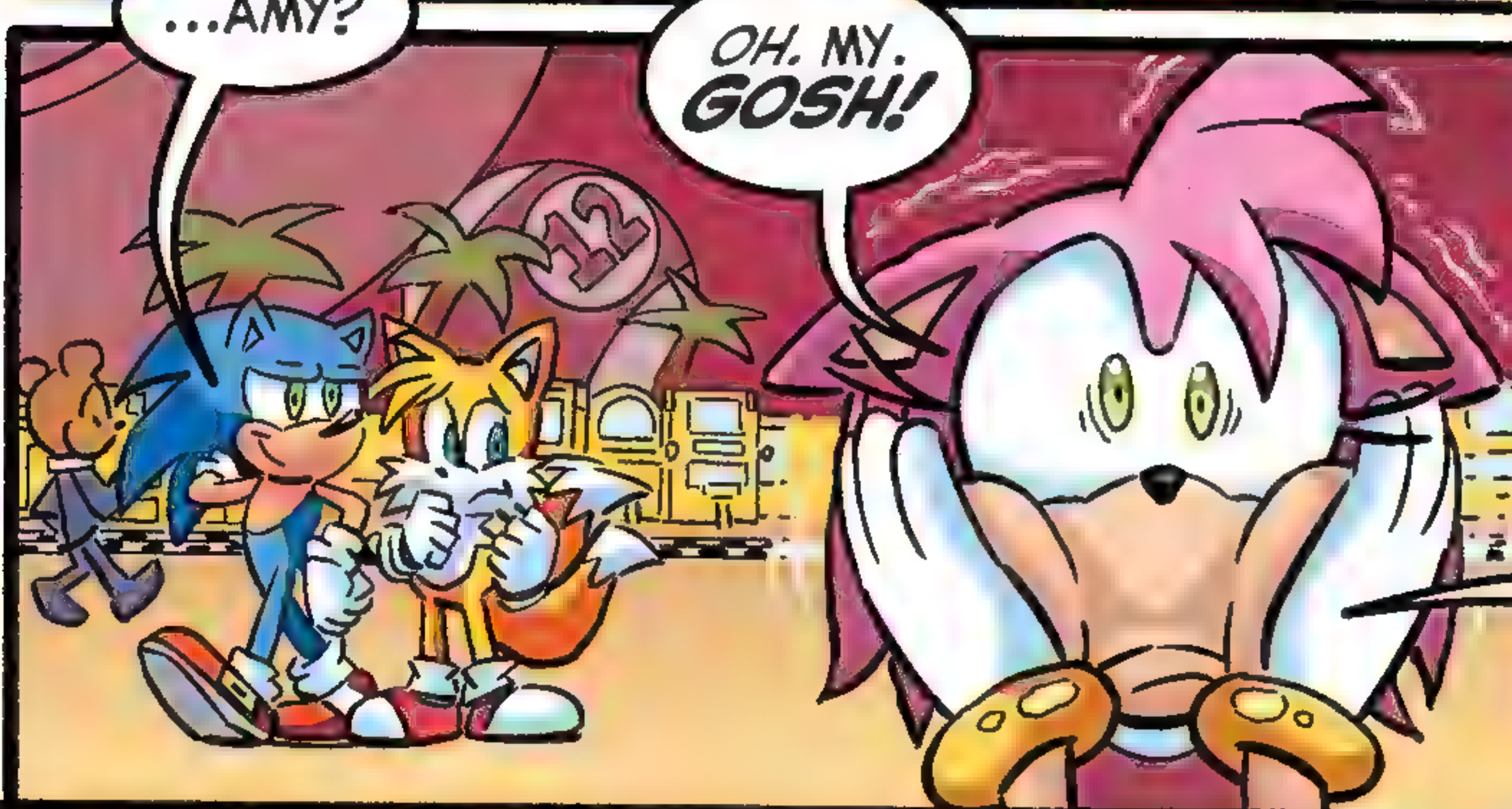
HAHA--WOW! IF LOOKS COULD KILL...

SERIOUSLY. I'D FEEL BAD IF SHE WEREN'T PROFITING FROM A WORLD CATASTROPHE.

THANKS FOR MAKING SURE SHE DIDN'T KNIFE ME IN THE BACK, AMY.

...AMY?

OH. MY. GOSH!



SHE'S HERE!



IT'S REALLY YOU! HONEY THE CAT! FOUNDER, CEO AND DESIGNER FOR HONEY BRAND CLOTHES AND ACCESSORIEEEES!

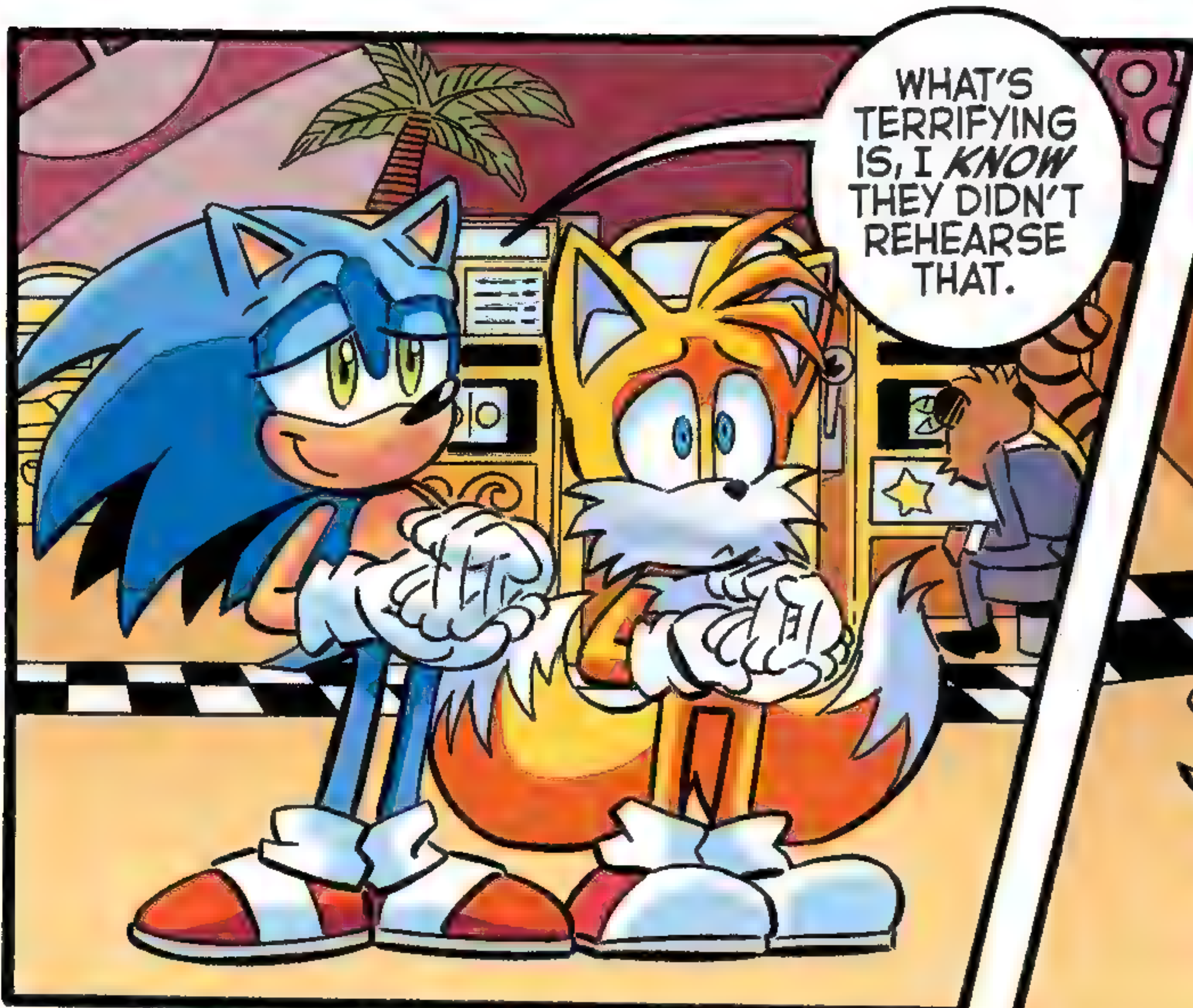
I KNOW YOU! YOU'RE AMY ROSE! FREEDOM FIGHTER! WORLD TRAVELER AND HERO!

=GASP= I GOTTA TELL YOU, I LOVE YOUR STUFF--



"---BECAUSE IF YOU DON'T LOOK SWEET, YOU'RE NOT WEARING HONEY!"





WHAT'S TERRIFYING IS, I *KNOW* THEY DIDN'T REHEARSE THAT.



HMM...THIS OUTFIT IS FROM MY OLD "DREAM-CASTERS" LINE.

HAHA--YEP! I LOVE IT! I PRACTICALLY WEAR NOTHING ELSE!

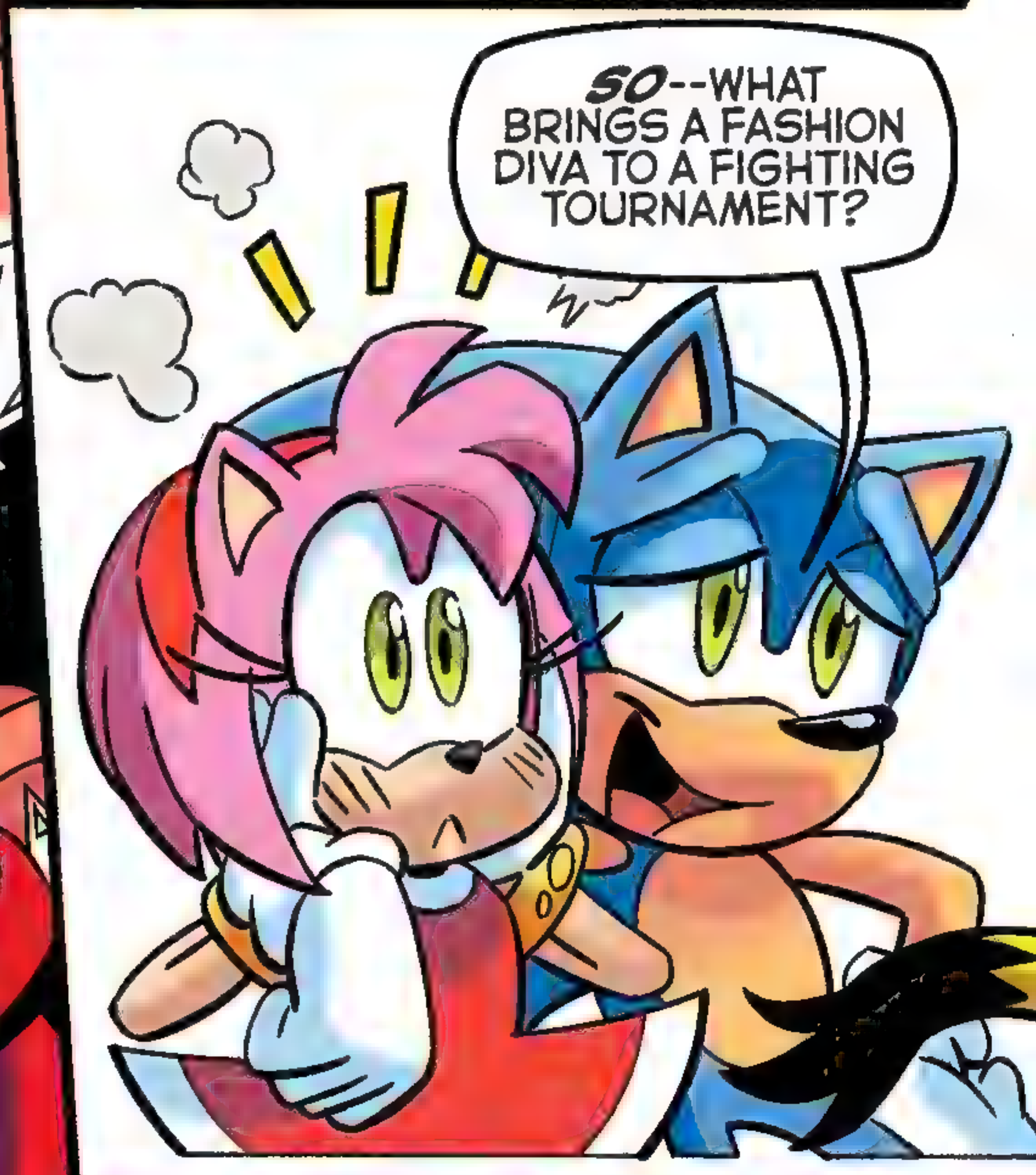


TELL YOU WHAT'S HAPPENING--I'M RE-LAUNCHING IT AS THE "ROSE COLLECTION." YOU *WILL* MODEL AND BE MY SPOKESWOMAN, OF COURSE.

EEE!  
YES!

AND TO HELP SALES...DON'T YOU KNOW A PRINCESS?

I KNOW TWO!



SO--WHAT BRINGS A FASHION DIVA TO A FIGHTING TOURNAMENT?



I'M COMPETING!

REALLY?

YOU'D BETTER BELIEVE IT! I'M ALL ABOUT SELF-PROMOTION, AND THE EVENTS DON'T GET ANY BIGGER THAN THIS!



WHAT ABOUT YOU THREE? AREN'T YOU HIGH-PROFILE ENOUGH ALREADY?

WE'VE COME TO WIN THE CHAOS EMERALD. IT'S A CRUCIAL PART OF OUR PLAN TO SAVE THE WORLD!

IS THAT A FACT?

LIKE I SAID, I'M JUST HERE TO ADVERTISE. IF I WIN, I'LL HAND THE GEM OVER TO YOU GUYS.

REALLY?! THANK YOU SO MUCH!

AND IN RETURN, THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS WILL HELP PROMOTE MY NEXT LINE, RIIIIIIIGHT?

...I ONLY WEAR SHOES, SOCKS AND GLOVES.

YOU CAN ACCESSORIZE.

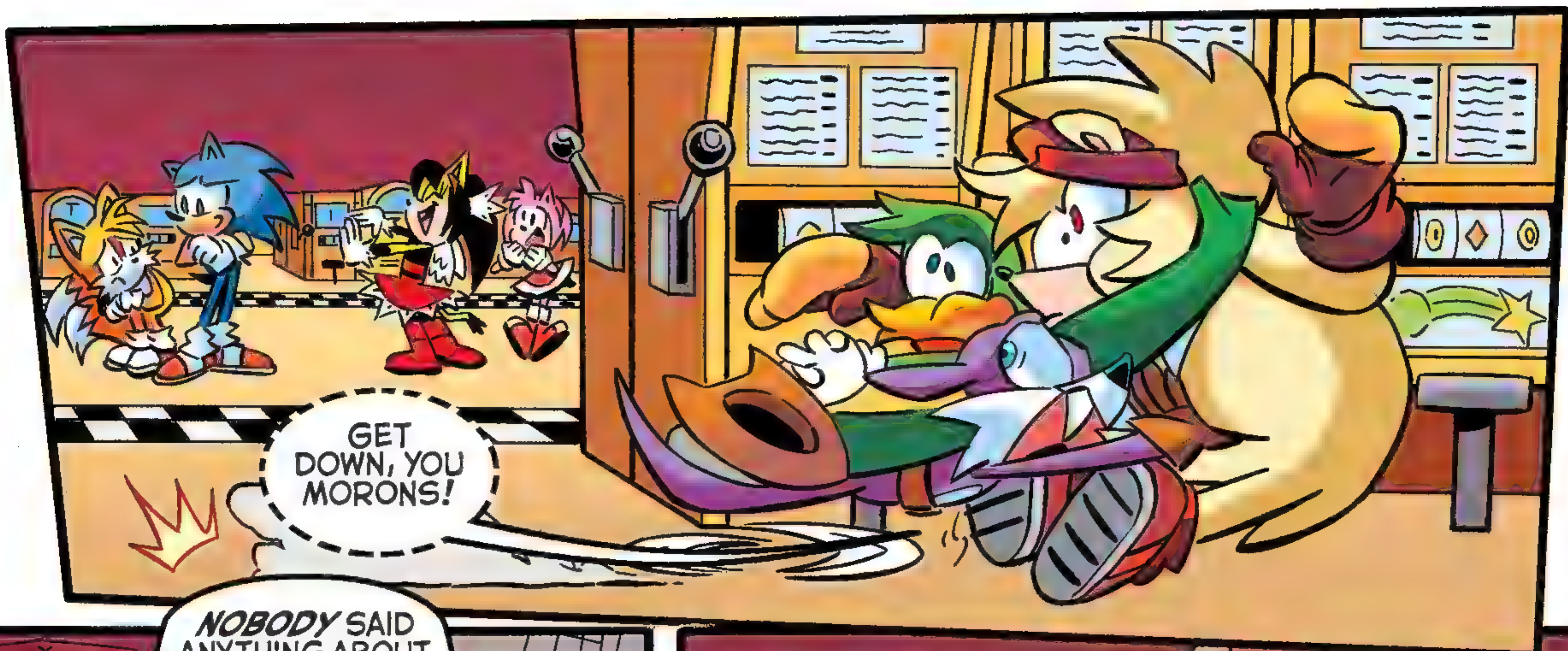
OHMYGOSH, CREAM WOULD LOOK *SO CUTE* IN YOUR KIDS' CLOTHING!

OH, BOY. IT'S NICE TO HAVE SOMEONE ELSE ON OUR SIDE, AT LEAST...

...SINCE WE DON'T KNOW WHO ELSE WE'RE FACING YET.

SHINY... OVERLOAD...





GET  
DOWN, YOU  
MORONS!

NOBODY SAID  
ANYTHING ABOUT  
FIGHTING THOSE  
THREE! RUNNING  
INTO KNUCKLES  
AND THE CHAOTIX  
WAS JUST BAD  
LUCK, \* BUT  
*THIS....!*

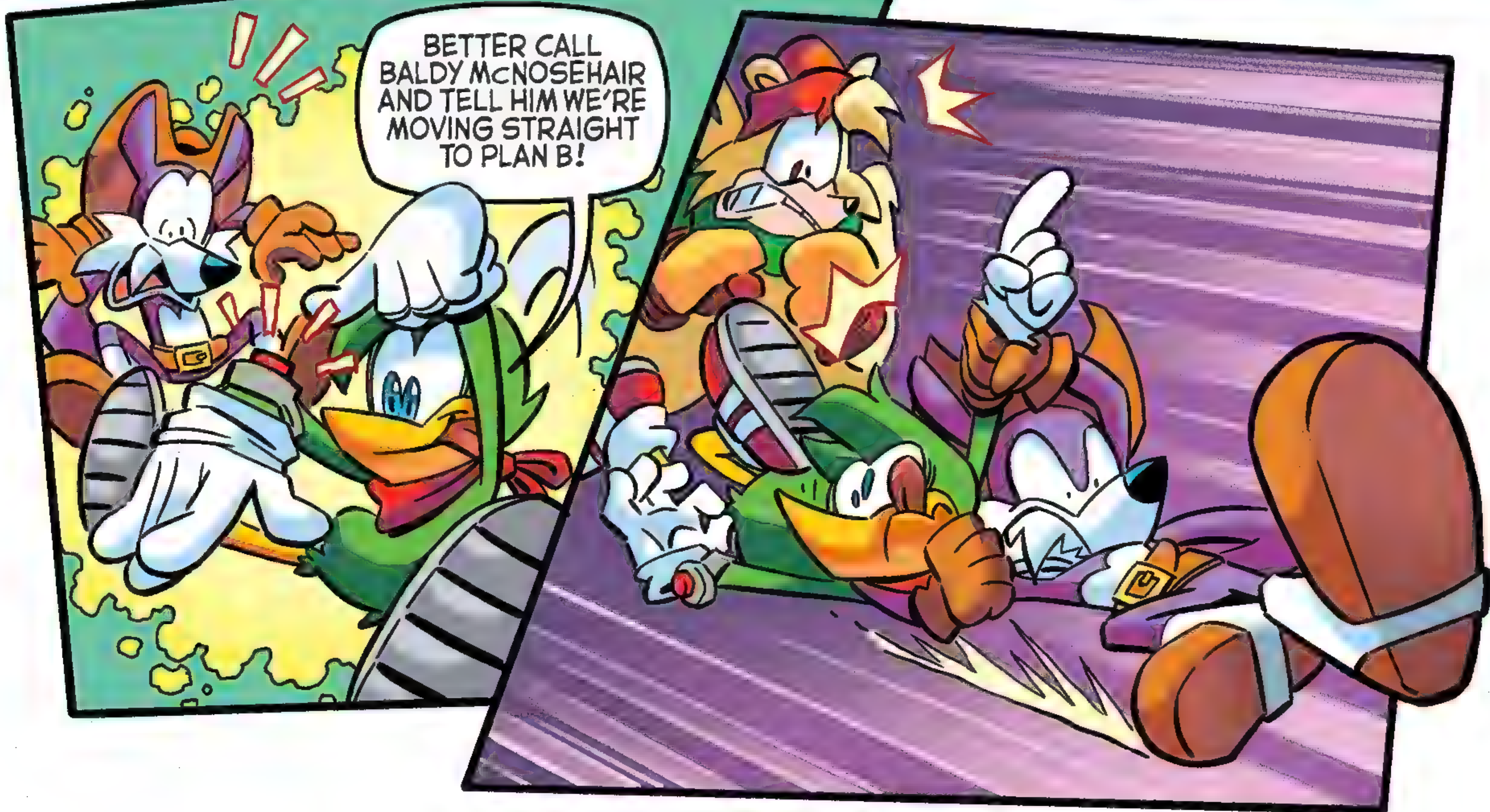
MAYBE  
THEY'RE  
JUST HERE  
TO PLAY  
POKER?

\*"THE GREAT CHAOS  
CAPER" SU#63-66.



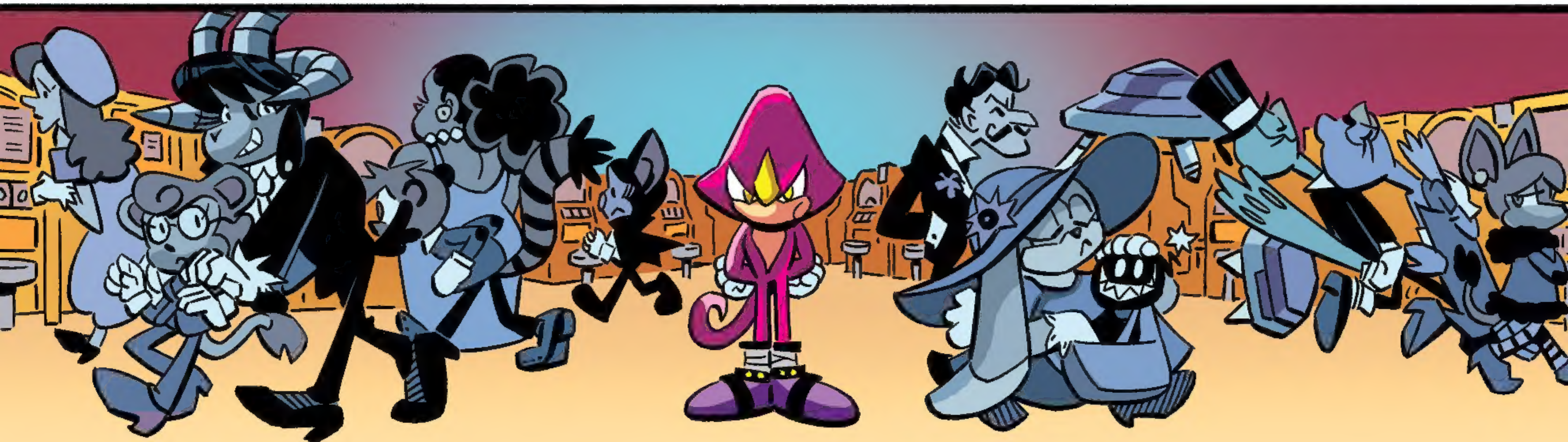
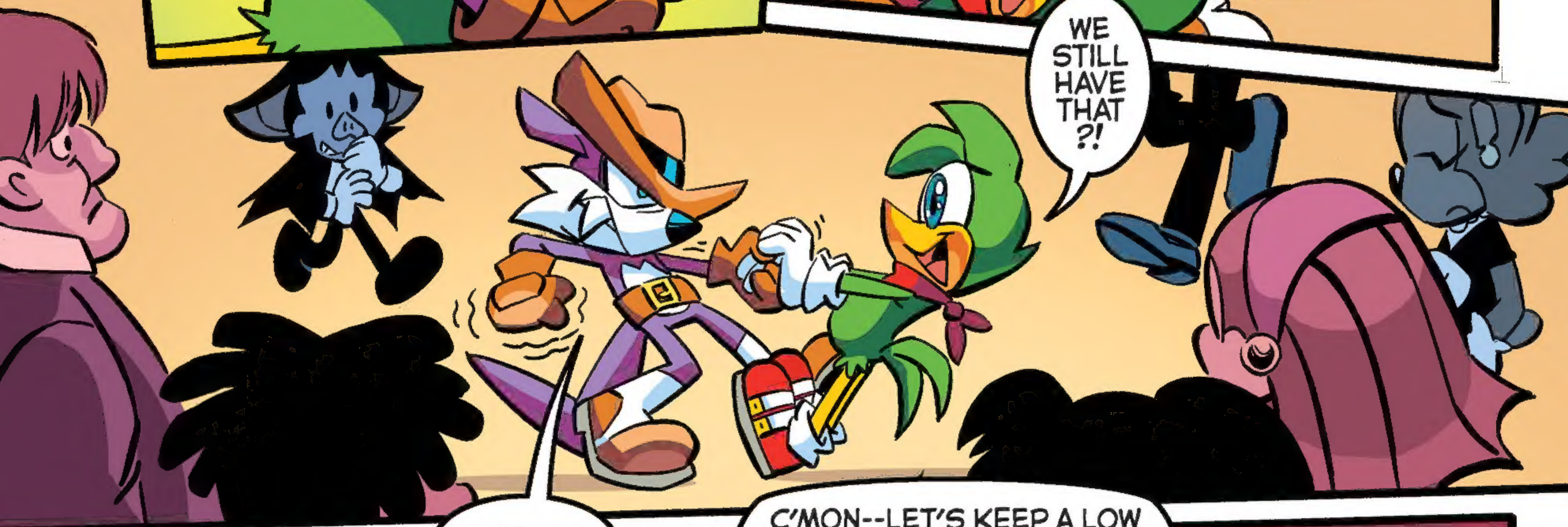
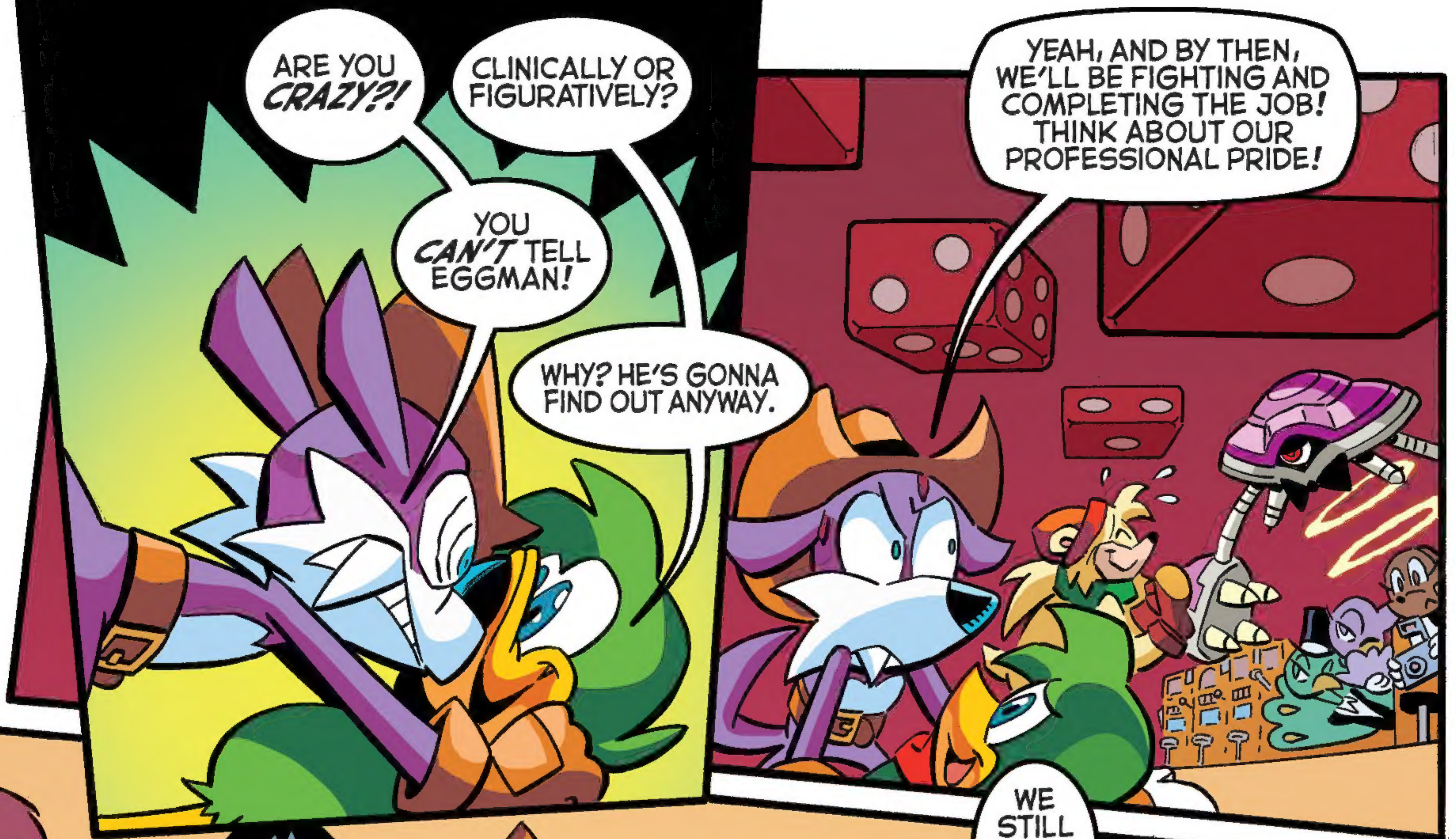
THE *ONLY*  
THING THEY DO  
IS FIGHT EGGMAN  
AND SAVE PEOPLE.  
FOR *FREE*. THEY'RE  
HERE FOR THE  
EMERALD.

OH, WELL.  
I BET TAILS  
COUNTS CARDS,  
ANYWAY.



BETTER CALL  
BALDY MCNOSEHAIR  
AND TELL HIM WE'RE  
MOVING STRAIGHT  
TO PLAN B!







SOON...

VECTOR, IT'S ME. I'M MAKING MY FIRST REPORT. I MUST BE BRIEF-- I HAVE ONLY ENOUGH CHANGE FOR ONE MINUTE.

WHAT?! I SENT YOU THERE WITH FIVE BUCKS IN QUARTERS!

...THE SLOTS HERE ARE RIGGED, I'M SURE OF IT...

ESPIO  
CHAOTIX  
NINJA

OY. FINE. WHAT'S YOUR REPORT?

BOTH THE HOOLIGANS AND FREEDOM FIGHTERS HAVE ENTERED THE TOURNAMENT. I'LL DO WHAT I CAN TO HELP THE LATTER.

BUT SINCE I DIDN'T KNOW THEY'D ARRIVE, I MANAGED TO SNEAK ONE MORE FRIENDLY FACE ONTO THE ROSTER...

I DON'T THINK I'D *EVER* GET TIRED OF THIS PLACE!

ALL THE LIGHTS!  
ALL THE SOUNDS!

ALL THE *SMELLS!* THE SIGN SAID "ALL YOU CAN EAT BUFFET!" DO THEY REALLY MEAN IT?!





I'M SORRY...  
HERE I AM GOING  
ON AND ON,  
WHEN I SHOULD  
BE HELPING YOU  
LOOK FOR THE  
MASTER EMERALD  
SHARDS...

DON'T SWEAT IT.  
LEAVE THE TREASURE  
HUNTING TO ME.

I CAN SENSE THE  
CHAOS ENERGY--  
THERE'S GOTTA BE  
A SHARD HERE!

**CHIP**  
(SUPPOSEDLY)  
POWERFUL  
SPIRIT

**KNUCKLES**  
SONIC'S  
LONGTIME  
RIVAL

THE **FIGHTERS** HAVE **ASSEMBLED!**  
THE **STAKES** ARE **SET!**  
**ROUND ONE** BEGINS **NEXT TIME!**

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